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Thespian Club Prepares For Annual Holiday Trip

Sixty Members To Present "The Kid Himself" at Eight Cities—First Showing Scheduled at Bellefonte Monday Night

With humor, color and music enough to entertain even the most exacting audience, the Thespian Club has brought this year's production, "The Kid Himself," to the height of perfection in preparation for an extensive tour during the Christmas holidays.

Thespian Tickets For Sale at Seven Tonight
The advance ticket sale for the Thespian Christmas vacation trip will be held in the James Bloom Shop on Allen Street, Tuesday evening at seven o'clock.

G. E. Blumfield '27, production manager, has arranged one of the most extensive programs ever undertaken on a Thespian road trip. Showings have been arranged for eight different cities.

New York Show
The Christmas eve production will be given at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. After a performance at Binghamton on the twenty-sixth, the players will return to Pennsylvania, appearing at Scranton the twenty-eighth, at Pittsburgh the following day and closing with a showing at Greensburg on the thirtieth. The first college showing will be at the night following the Soph Hop.

Recalling the worth of the Thespians as proved in other years, various groups in every city visited have prepared programs assuring comfort and entertainment for the players. The Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs will give a special luncheon on December twenty-eighth at Scranton, while Penn State alumni and friends have prepared similar affairs in many other cities.

An unusual amount of care was necessary in the selection of the costumes for this year's production, as (Continued on last page)

MIT SQUAD CONTINUES PRELIMINARY TRAINING

Candidates Put Through Stiff Practice Daily—Ability Not Yet Shown

Continuing to put his candidates through preliminary training, Coach Leo Houck is rounding the Lion ringmen into condition for the approaching boxing season. Although the men have not yet entered the ring, a large squad reports every day for a systematic workout.

Additional candidates have reported for practice and provide enough men for each class from which to make a final selection. Little can be predicted for the team at the present time since none of the candidates have as yet been given an opportunity to display their wares in the squared circle.

The entire squad is put through a stiff practice every afternoon. This includes jumping rope, pulling the weights, and exercises to strengthen the muscles of the stomach, a few minutes of shadow boxing and seven laps around the track. This will be continued until after Christmas, when Leo will match up the men in the ring.

Nothing has yet been done in regard to Madala's eligibility question but the Athletic Council will issue a decision on the case as soon as possible.

HONORARY MUSICAL CLUB INITIATES TWENTY GIRLS

The Louise Homer Club, girls' honorary musical society, has initiated twenty members from the three upper classes, the sophomores as associate members, and the juniors and seniors as active girls who are registered in the music department who belong to the choir or glee club, or who play a musical instrument and are eligible.

The women elected follow: Miss L. C. Skinner, assistant professor in music, Miss J. L. Grammer '26, Miss Ola Keefe '26, Miss G. K. Messinger '26, Miss G. P. Watts '27, Miss R. E. Warner '27, Miss M. M. Lark '27, Miss A. V. Pettigrew '27, Miss J. H. Schantz '27, Miss M. E. Pheasant '27, Miss H. C. Foster '27, Miss C. E. Hoy '27, Miss J. L. Walsh '28, Miss C. B. Ryan '28, Miss G. M. Kates '28, Miss A. I. Mullen '28, Miss M. M. Lewis '28, Miss M. E. Boyles '28, Miss S. A. Light '28, Miss A. J. Romig '28.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TO BE DISCUSSION TOPIC

Fraternity and Non-Fraternity Groups Will Analyze New College Problem

LEADERS CONSULT "NEW STUDENT" FOR OPINIONS
Responsibility of Institutions To Give Adequate Training Is Favorite Sub-Topic

As a result of the discussion of the question, "What are we in college for?" by the key-men of the campus discussion group movement Thursday night in Liberal Arts the problem arose, "Is Penn State overloaded with extra-curricular activities?" This topic will be taken up next by the various fraternities and boarding houses and an attempt made to form a solution.

In attempting to reach a conclusion, on why one attends college, many questions were asked the group. Some of them are as follows: "What other than to teach a person to 'milk cows' and 'build bridges,' should a college do? What elements enter into a college education? In the light of these, what is the most valid reason for coming to a higher institution of learning?"

After thoroughly treating these problems it was inquired whether a small group was ever justified in accepting special privileges such as a college education? It was agreed that not only should a person be allowed to attend college but should receive both a technical and a cultural training.

Twelve Seniors Report
To a large extent, the "Datmouth Report" of twelve seniors, published in the October New Student, was consulted. This statement is nationally famous and is especially distinguished for its clear thought and original expression. Part of it follows: "It is the purpose of the college to provide background information about the student and his problems, and to stimulate them to develop their capacity for rational thinking, philosophic understanding, creative imagination, and aesthetic sensitiveness, and to inspire them to use these developed powers in becoming leaders in service to society."

MILITARY DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT MOVIES OF WORLD WAR ACTIVITIES

Scenarizing for the second time scenes from the World War, the Penn State military department will present "Flashes of Action," a film portraying actual military maneuvers during the European conflict, at the Nittany theater on Thursday afternoon from four-thirty to five-thirty o'clock. Although students and faculty members are invited to attend this picture, freshmen are particularly urged to be present. If the attendance is too great for the theater an extra run of the film will be shown in Old Chapel at the same time.

E. R. WEIDLEIN TALKS TO CHEMISTS TONIGHT

Visitor Is Director of Mellon Institute of Research at Nevada Station
Dr. E. R. Weidlein, director of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research will address the State College section of the American Chemical Society on "The Economic Value of Industrial Research" tonight at seven-thirty o'clock in the Physics lecture room, Physics building.

Following his graduation from the University of Kansas in 1909 Dr. Weidlein conducted research work on ductless glands. In 1912 he was made a senior fellow in the Mellon Institute and was given charge of investigations being conducted on the metallurgy of copper. In 1916 he was given the post of associate director of the Institute and was also placed at the head of the experimental plant at Thompson, Nevada.

SOCCEER ELECTIONS

With February twenty-sixth definitely selected as the date for the Military Ball, the committee has not decided whether to engage a local or an out-of-town orchestra for the affair. By custom, all R. O. T. C. units throughout the country will conduct the formal on the same evening. In contrast to former years the committee plans a more military-like atmosphere for the dance. The present program is pending further details which will tend to make it a distinctive R. O. T. C. function. Besides bettering the program as a whole, those in charge expect to improve the decorating scheme in order to bring out more plainly the military color. Unique favors have been selected for the ball.

Christmas Number of Lion's Tale Published

Anxious to tell the world exactly what they eat at Mac Hall the co-eds have included in the Christmas issue of the Lion's Tale, which will be on sale in Old Main Thursday morning, a criticism of the long-dormant menu.

In order to make the charges more specific the bill of fare at the Hall has been compared with the items and cost of various types of meals at the local tea rooms. There will also be included in the Tale the mythical hockey line-up.

Single copies of the co-ed publication may be purchased for fifteen cents. The yearly subscription rate is fifty cents. The next issue will appear shortly before the Easter recess.

M. E. DEPARTMENT SIGNALLED HONORED

LOCAL INSTITUTION GETS FIRST EASTERN CHARTER

Zeta Chapter of Pi Tau Sigma Installed Here—Several Colleges Petition

National recognition was given the Mechanical Engineering department last Friday evening when the Zeta chapter of Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, was formally installed at Penn State.

Although several other Eastern colleges have applied for membership, Penn State can boast of being the first school in this section whose mechanical engineering department has been recognized by this honorary society. Organized in 1915, Pi Tau Sigma now has chapters which are located at the University of Purdue, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, University of Minnesota, Amherst Institute, and the University of Missouri.

According to its constitution the object of this honorary fraternity is "to foster the high ideals of the engineering profession, to stimulate interest in co-ordinating departmental activities and to promote the mutual professional welfare of its members."

FRESHMAN "Y" CABINET DISCUSSES HONOR CODE

Officers Chosen for Yearling Board—Time of Meeting Changed to Monday
Placing themselves on record as unanimously favoring the Penn State honor code proposed last year, the Freshman "Y" cabinet took one of its most important steps, according to W. C. Calhoun '25, secretary.

Besides discussing this question and deciding to support it the group elected the following officers to serve on the 1926 "Y" cabinet for the remainder of the year: A. J. Gates, president, T. I. Neel, vice-president, and W. A. Robertson, secretary-treasurer.

Military Ball Plans Under Consideration

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R. T. Gallagher '27
R. A. Graham '27
D. A. Johnson '27
J. P. Knappenberg '27
J. J. Muehlen '26
T. Pryde '26
I. W. Smith '27
J. H. Vance '27
H. A. Wron '26

STUDENT BODY TO HERALD YULETIDE COMING TOMORROW

Christmas Exercises Begin On Front Campus Following Basketball Game

DOCTOR PATTEE SPEAKS AT HOLIDAY CEREMONIES

Tree To Remain Lighted During Vacation—Dean Grant To Conduct Singing

Christmas spirit will be in evidence tomorrow night when the entire student body is expected to gather around the lighted Yuletide tree on the front campus immediately after the basketball game to sing carols appropriate for the occasion. Prof. R. W. Grant, director of Music, will have charge of the singing. In addition to accompaniment by a bass quartet the Men's Glee Club and the similar Girls' organization will be present to aid in the merriment.

Besides the singing the program will include a brief talk by Prof. F. L. Pattee on "The Spirit of Christmas." The exercises will come to an end when Bandmaster Thompson will play "Holy Night" on his cornet from the top of Old Main. Last year this produced a weird as well as inspiring effect.

Lighting effects will be in charge of the department of Grounds and Buildings as has been the case in past years. It is the present plan of the department to have the multi-colored lights shine forth tomorrow night and each succeeding evening until the end of vacation.

The general program for this traditional affair will be the same as has been followed in previous seasons. It is hoped by those in charge that every undergraduate will be present in order to lend his aid to its success. As Director Grant put it "an event of this sort can be of material benefit only by a large attendance with everybody participating. In that way, the real spirit of Christmas will be imbued and the affair will be a success."

Many ancient English and American ballads, symbolic with the spirit of the holiday season, have been selected for the carol singing.

TOTS ENTERTAINED AT CHRISTMAS GATHERING

"Y" Units Give School Children Annual Yuletide Treat In Armory on Saturday

Just when the gray shadows began to entwine themselves about the Armory Saturday afternoon, nearly two hundred children's hearts were gladdened with the spirit of St. Nicholas. It was the time of the annual Christmas party given by the Y M C A and the Y W C A.

Throughout the year the men and women's associations of the College conduct Sunday Schools in the one room schoolhouses found scattered in the vicinity of State College for the benefit of the children who lack such opportunities. And it is the custom for the units to come together once a year and present programs of songs and recitation.

Well, here they were again. Auto-buses furnished by the motor concerns of State College brought the happy youngsters to the doors of the Armory. Inside, red Christmas bells swung to and fro from the walls and ceiling and crepe paper made the grim walls of the structure more cheery.

In the corner where the athletes are usually seen tugging at the weights a yuletide tree radiated its holiday atmosphere. After the last of the happy children had arrived and the merry games had ceased the audience sat informally on the floor and the decorated end of the wrestling platform served as a background for the stage.

Lead by W. C. Calhoun '25 the shrill child voices re-echoed their Christmas carols from the spacious ceiling. The children themselves displayed dramatic ability in their reciting of the old Santa Claus jingles, and none were omitted, not even "Twas the night before Xmas."

"Don" Carruthers, student pastor of the Presbyterian Church, finished the story-telling with a tale of his early days of Christmas, weaving into the story of Christ's birth. The most fun of the afternoon came when each one present received a long candy cane and an ice cream cone. After this, gifts were distributed to the tots according to their ages by the women's organization.

LION QUINTET MEETS JUNIATA TOMORROW

Varsity Tossers Make Poor Showing in Final Practice--Opponents Present Strong Team

Special Train Leaves Lemont Friday at Six

A special train will leave Lemont Friday afternoon at six o'clock and it is scheduled to arrive in Sunbury at nine o'clock. This train will make connections with all other north and east-bound passenger service. It there are enough passengers at Sunbury, the special will continue through to other points. Extra coaches will be added to all trains in the district to care for the holiday rush.

When the curtain rises on the 1925-26 basketball season in the Armory tomorrow night at seven o'clock, Juniata will present a team that will strongly to out-do Coach Heilmann's proteges if the performance of the past few days of practice against the freshman eagles may be taken as a criterion of the Varsity's ability.

The work of the men in last Saturday's scrimmage was erratic, unsound, easy shots, under the basket while occasionally dropping in a counter from a difficult angle. The floor work in the scrimmage against Kitzinger's charges was poor and at times the over-zealousness were thrown into confusion. There was a lack of teamwork throughout the whole game and an absence of heady playing.

It is probable that the regular six-man lineup, consisting of Hannas and Hood at guards, Saylor and Von Neely at the forward post, and a Greer at the jump-off position, will start in the contest tomorrow. MacDonald was absent from practice on Saturday, being granted a rest after his first workout last week. It is doubtful, however, that the veteran center will be seen in action against the Huntington combination.

Lack of Teamwork
Kent, when substituted for Mike Hannas who received a bad cut on the temple during the practice game with the plebs, performed in a fair style. That was such a lack of teamwork throughout the contest, however, that it was impossible to judge individual efforts.

Juniata comes to the Nittany Valley with a victory already tucked under its belt, having downed the Altoona Overland club last Friday, and should offer considerable trouble to the Blue and White quintet. The Huntington passers boast of a strong team which of veterans from last year's season, which turned in a creditable record for the season.

Captain Lavey and a coaching trio (Continued on last page)

SOPHS TO STAGE HOP MARCH FIFTH

Committee Considers Several Prominent Orchestras for 1928 Dance

THREE FIRMS SUBMIT BIDS FOR DECORATIONS

Friday, March fifth was definitely decided upon as the date when the annual Sophomore Hop will be staged, was the announcement made by J. E. Belfield, chairman of the 1928 committee following a meeting Thursday night at the Delta Upsilon house. Consideration of orchestras, favors and decorations completed the business transacted, and while no final steps were taken, sub-committees were appointed to investigate the various phases.

Although four orchestras are being considered it is possible several more will be added to the list. The present string includes Jack Smith of New York, The Crusaders of Pittsburgh, The Hotel Sylvania and Harry Maiburgers, the last two from Philadelphia.

Bids for decorations are being sought from firms whose work is already well known to those who have attended previous class functions at Penn State. These are Silverstein of Wilkes Barre, Dieka of Philadelphia (Continued on last page)

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON "Y" CABIN NEARS FINISH

Andy Lytle Structure Expected To Be Completed Within Next Few Weeks

Within the next few weeks a successful effort will be made to complete the Andy Lytle Cabin which is being erected at Shingletown Gap under the supervision of the Y M C A. A pamphlet for campaign purposes containing a picture, a description, the plans, the cost, the committee in charge and statement of faculty men concerning the undertaking is in the hands of the printers.

Among the testimonials submitted to Secretary Kitchin, that written by Dr. Pattee follows: "The cabin is one of the finest things the 'Y' has done at Penn State. True religion such as Jesus had, requires us at times to be apart from the crowd. The cabin can be our real shrine. Let us use it in the spirit of the great Master of us all."

Financial Statement
Taking the expenditures to date as a basis, the committee compiled a budget of the final cost:
Labor (mason, carpenter, etc.) with student aid \$1,500
Lumber and Supplies 600
Hauling stone 410
Painting (general) 210
Incidentals such as tools 200
Furnishings (stove, tables, chairs, etc.) 500
Total \$2,500

Work on the structure has been progressing moderately. The first floor has been finished, the second floor level reached and the cabin will soon be ready for the roof. The use of heavy rafters gives the interior a rustic effect.

1928 CHEERLEADERS
H. F. Blankenhiller
H. W. Denney
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A. B. Kuhlend
P. A. McWilliams
O. A. Pride

EDITORS CONTINUE WORK ON JUNIOR PUBLICATION

Photographic Department Near Completion—Dickson Will Sketch Front-piece

Concentrating their efforts on the art and photographic work the members of the 1927 La Vie board have nullified the loss caused by the Photo Shop fire and are again working on the original schedule. Copy is also coming in from the individual department editors and is being placed in the hands of the publishers.

With but a few individual pictures to be taken and the work on the group photographs nearing completion the work in this department will be finished by Christmas. Questionnaires have been sent to all freshmen to get the personnel of their photographs but early replies have been received.

Front-piece Work
Prof. H. E. Dickson, of the art department, will sketch the front-piece for this year's annual. Many ideas for this drawing have been in and Professor Dickson is working on the favorite sketch. The other art work, including the divider is well under way.

The Junior Section of the book is now in the hands of the copy clerks. A new method of printing the pictures and an appropriate background is a feature of this section. Several other departments are progressing rapidly and will probably be in the hands of the Grit Publishing company before Christmas.

More than one hundred and fifty letters have been sent to national advertisers and replies are now coming in. The circulation department is planning to satisfy the demand for the year book, although only approximate calculations can be made at this time.

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND WELFARE MEETING

Dean C. E. Ry, Miss E. P. Chace and Prof. J. O. Kellert were present at the recent establishment of a bureau for the welfare of women and children in industry, an addition to the Department of Labor and Industry at Harrisburg. To place women on an equal basis with men in the factory and to enforce legislation on working hours and conditions, is the duty assigned to the new unit. There was also a discussion about the problems of woman employment.